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**BOWLING GREEN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGES OF
DRUG TRAFFICKING AND BEING FELON IN POSSESSION OF A RIFLE**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on December 6, 2006, **AARON JACKSON**, age 30, of 901 Jackson Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County, **pled guilty** to charges of drug trafficking and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$16,250,000 fine, and 29 years supervised release.

As part of the plea agreement, **Jackson** admitted that he sold crack cocaine to an undercover detective on February 15, 2006, February 24, 2006, and March 28, 2006. Cumulatively, the crack cocaine sold by **Jackson** weighed approximately 75 grams (2.5 ounces) and had a street value of \$7,700. Later, on May 1, 2006, **Jackson** sold an undercover detective a Norinco SKS assault-style rifle despite the fact that **Jackson** cannot lawfully possess firearms due to previous felony convictions, which also involved drug charges.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John E. Kuhn, Jr. and was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Bowling Green-Warren County Drug Task Force. This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal

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law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

The plea was entered before Judge Thomas B. Russell in the United States District Court in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Jackson is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Russell on March 8, 2007, at 11:30 a.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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